34.06.01 System Law Enforcement Collaboration

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Regulation Summary

This regulation provides guidance to law enforcement entities within The Texas A&M University System (system) to foster collaboration between the various departments. This regulation also provides guidelines for this collaboration through The Texas A&M University System Law Enforcement Administrators Council (Council).

Regulation

1. GENERAL

The Council is established as a collaborative group representing system law enforcement entities. Council members work to form common goals, guidelines and procedures for system law enforcement entities to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement efforts and promote best practices on a systemwide basis. The Council members report to their relevant supervisor on member issues and through the Council chairperson to the associate vice chancellor for Law Enforcement and Security (chief law enforcement officer) or designee for issues requiring review by the system or issues having a systemwide impact.

2. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Council consists of the administrator of each system law enforcement entity, headed by a chairperson elected by the Council every two years. The Council's recommendations are subject to the approval of the associate vice chancellor for Law Enforcement and Security (chief law enforcement officer) and, if appropriate, the chancellor and/or designee.

3. PERSONNEL MINIMUM HIRING REQUIREMENTS

All system law enforcement recruits must meet minimum licensing standard requirements as established by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) § 217.1.

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

To facilitate emergency management, a system law enforcement administrator, with the approval of the relevant supervisor or chief executive officer (CEO), may request commissioned or noncommissioned personnel from another system law enforcement entity to assist in emergency procedures or critical investigations. The following guidelines and procedures apply:

- 4.1 The request for assistance must be made through the Council chairperson through the associate vice chancellor for Law Enforcement & Security (chief law enforcement officer) who contacts the necessary system law enforcement entity(ies) administrator(s) for assistance and makes a record of such requests. Requests for assistance should be made with the advice and consent of the associate vice chancellor for Law Enforcement and Security (chief law enforcement officer).
- 4.2 All travel and related expenses are paid by the system law enforcement entity requesting assistance, but the salary continues to be paid by the employing system member.
- 4.3 The final authority to assign personnel to assist another system university rests with the employing system university police department administrator with the approval of the relevant supervisor or CEO. The associate vice chancellor for Law Enforcement and Security (chief law enforcement officer), as the system-level law enforcement representative, reserves the right to weigh in on requests for assistance. In extraordinary circumstances, the request can be denied and/or overruled at the system level.
- 5. ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY & CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (AVC/CLEO)

This position was established in September 2023. This individual serves as the principal advisor to the Chancellor's Office on law enforcement and security matters and serves as the liaison between the Chancellor's Office and the A&M System's Council on Law Enforcement Administrators (CLEA). Reporting to the Chancellor, the AVC/CLEO additionally represents the System for legislative initiatives that may impact law enforcement and security; serves as a liaison to federal law enforcement entities on issues that impact the system; facilitates programmatic and training enhancements for law enforcement; provides advice, counsel and guidance to member law enforcement administrators and staff; makes best-practice recommendations on higher education security and policing; serves on the Texas A&M University System Council of Law Enforcement in an ex-officio capacity; maintains and monitors compliance with council by-laws; serves on an interim basis within system law enforcement agencies as needed; monitors compliance with system law enforcement and security related policies; collaborates with the Office of General Counsel, System Ethics and Compliance Office, and Environment Safety and Security; functions as a resource and advisor for selection of member law enforcement chief administrators; serves as the subject matter expert for Clery Act compliance and as the system's Chief Clery Officer. This position also coordinates members' peace officer commissioning documents for presentation and processing by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers

<u>System Regulation 33.99.14, Criminal History Record Information – Employees and Candidates for Employment</u>

37 Tex. Admin. Code § 217.1

Member Rule Requirements

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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